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SUBJECT: SPANISH MINISTER VISITS FRG

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BEGIN SUMMARY: SPANISH MINISTER OF PRESIDENCE, CARRO MARTINEZ, VISITED THE FRG FROM JUNE 23-26. OUTSIDE OF A 30 MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, CARRO'S TIME WAS TAKEN UP BY DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND WITH HIS HOST, FRG MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR MAIHOFFER. THE VISIT RECEIVED AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF PRESS PLAY. END SUMMARY

1. CARRO'S 30 MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WAS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN SPAIN. GENSCHER TOOK THE OCCASION TO UNDERSCORE THE FRG'S BELIEF THAT DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN SPAIN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ORGANIZE AND OPERATE. GENSCHER NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL
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PARTIES IN BEING WHEN FRANCO DEPARTS THE SCENE SO THAT

THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT THE ONLY FORCE AVAILABLE TO
FILL THE VACUUM. TO UNDERSCORE HIS POINT, HE REFERRED
TO THE UNFORTUNATE PORTUGUESE EXAMPLE.

2. CARRO HAD A ONE-HOUR PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH
MAIHOFFER; OUR SOURCES HAD NO DETAILS.
OTHERWISE, HIS VISIT WAS LIMITED TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.
THERE WERE MUTUAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON SUCH SUBJECTS
AS INTERPOL, HOW TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, AND
THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE. MAIHOFFER GAVE A DINNER
IN HONOR OF HIS SPANISH GUEST AS DID THE SPANISH
AMBASSADOR.

3. AFTER THE FUROR OVER GENERAL HILDEBRANDT'S ATTENDANCE
AT THE MAY 25 VICTORY PARADE IN MADRID (BONN 8809 AND
8959), THE FRG KEPT THE VISIT IN VERY LOW KEY.
APPARENTLY THE ONLY ARTICLES PUBLISHED ABOUT CARRO'S
VISIT WERE A SEVEN LINE ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE
GENERAL ANZEIGER JUST BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL AND AN ONLY
SLIGHTLY LONGER DPA PRESS AGENCY REPORT WHICH APPEARED
DURING HIS STAY IN THE FRG.
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